THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (d). Cases, allegedly involving misdeclaration and under invoicing of goods, are noticed from time to time in custom houses, which impact the Customs duties or the outgo of foreign exchange. Administrative arrangements, however, exist for the Customs officers to monitor the prices of import commodities as well as for exchange of information among the Custom house. Similarly, the Customs Houses also exchange information or intelligence relating to specific cases of misdeclaration and under invoicing, leading to detection of offences.

In addition, the law provides for confiscation of goods involving wrong declaration of description of value, besides imposition of fine and penalty. In serious offences, the persons involved are also prosecuted.

As a part of measures taken by the Government to deal with misdeclaration and invoice manipulation, preventive and intelligence activities have been strengthened and plans are underway to extend computerisation to all Custom Houses and to all Customs procedures and operations. These would help in containing as well as detecting the attempts made by unscrupulous importers/exporters.

[Translation]

Irregularities by Public Financial Companies

1227. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some irregularities by some public financial institutions in private placement issues of some companies have come to the notice of the Government as reported in Economic Times dated June 3, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c). Government is aware of the news item reported in 'The Economic Times' dated June 3, 1996. The investment referred to relates to investment by UTI, LIC and GIC in equity shares of Reliance Industries Limited for a total amount of about Rs. 945 crores. The issues of action to be taken, if any, is under examination.

[English]

District Industrial Centres

1228. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of District Industry Centres set up in each State as on date, State-wise; and

(b) the incentives given by the Government to these centres?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The total number of District Industries Centres/Sub-DICs reported to the refunctioning as on date in the country is 475. A State/UT-wise statement is enclosed.

(b) The District Industries Centres are State Government offices. In terms of the decision of the National Development Council the District Industries Centres Scheme was transferred to the State Sector from the year 1993-94, prior to which, the District Industries Centre was a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The Central Government however still provides District Industries Centres infrastructure/funds which are scheme specific.

STATEMENT

State UT-wise number of district industries centres functioning as on date in the country

S. No	Name of the State/UT	No. of District Industries Centres Functioning	
1	2	3	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23	
2.	Assam	23	
3.	Bihar	39	
4.	Gujarat	18	
5.	Himachal Pradesh	12	
6.	Haryana	17	
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	14	
8.	Karnataka	20	
9.	Kerala	14	
10.	Madhya Pradesh	48	(There are 45 districts where DICs are functioning 3 additional DICs are working in Bhind, Dhar and Raisen districts)
11.	Maharashtra	29	
12.	Manipur	8	
13.	Meghalaya	7	
14.	Nagaland	7	
15.	Orissa	13	
16.	Punjab	17	
17.	Rajasthan	33	
18.	Sikkim	2	
19.	Tamil Nadu	22	
20.	Tripura	3	
21.	Uttar Pradesh	66	

1	2	3	
22.	West Bengal	20	(including 2 sub-DICs at Siliguri in Darjeeling district and Durgapur in Burdwan district.)
23.	Arunachal Pradesh	11	(5 District Industries Centres & 6 Sub-DICs)
24.	Mizoram	3	
25.	Pondicherry	1	
26.	Goa	1	
27.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	
28.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	1	
29.	Chandigarh	1	
30.	Lakshadweep	-	
31.	Daman & Diu	1	
32.	Delhi	-	
	Total	475	

Trade With Pakistan

1229. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI
SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether there are reports that Pakistan intends to open up trade with India,

(b) whether the Government have received any request from Pakistan in this regard;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto, and

(d) the details of trade between India and Pakistan made during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI ROMAIAH) : (a) There have been some media reports suggesting that Pakistan intends to open up trade with India. However, no official communication has been received on the subject from Pakistan

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise

(d) The details of trade between India and Pakistan during the last three years are given below :

(Value in Rs. crores)

Year	Exports to Pakistan	Imports from Pakistan
1993-94	200.96	136.65
1994-95	179.71	165.61
1995-96	256.80	150.80

(Source : DGCI&S)

Foreign Investment

1230. SHRI JAG MOHAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of projects, involving foreign investment in the infrastructure sector like power, transportation, telecommunication and water supply have been approved since 1991,

(b) the amount of foreign investment assured for the infrastructure sector in those projects and

(c) the actual foreign investment made so far?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). 390 proposals, involving foreign direct investment have been approved in infrastructure sector like power, transportation and telecommunication during the period from August 1991 to May 1996. These proposals envisage foreign direct investment of Rs 30300.85 crores.

(c) The sector wise data on actual foreign investment made is maintained by Reserve Bank of India As per available data from Reserve Bank of India, during the period from 1.4.91 to 31.3.95, Rs. 378.08 crores of actual foreign investment have been made in these sectors.

Reports of C. & A.G.

1231. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the ministry-wise number of queries in their reports made by Comptroller and Auditor General of India during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of Action Taken Reports have been conveyed as response and how many no Action Taken reports have been submitted,

(c) whether the Action Taken Notes are a mandatory procedure as a follow-up to CAG findings, and

(d) if so, the action have been taken against the Departments/Ministries who have failed to submit their Action Taken Notes?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

P.M.R.Y. in Delhi

1232. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK
SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1001 on March 8, 1996 regarding Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana and State :

(a) the details of applications returned to the Office